

**HEADQUARTERS, JOINT READINESS TRAINING CENTER
AND FORT POLK**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FNSI)

**CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CONSOLIDATED
ENGINEER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ERDC) TESTING
FACILITY AT FORT POLK, LOUISIANA**

The findings and conclusions reached in this document are based on a thorough review of the impacts and analysis considered and disclosed in the Environmental Assessment (EA) attached to this document. The EA, including its data, analysis, and conclusions, are incorporated in this FNSI for reference.

PROPOSED ACTION: The Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC) and Fort Polk propose to construct, operate, and maintain a Consolidated ERDC Test Facility on Fort Polk. The consolidated site would need to provide adequate space to migrate current and future ERDC testing workloads being conducted on Ranges 17, 19, 22, and 31. Facility consolidation will occur as each test completes existing test series.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: To address the purpose and need, Fort Polk has considered and analyzed four alternatives in the EA:

ALTERNATIVE 1- This alternative considers the construction and operation of a consolidated test facility on Range 31. This alternative is approximately 91 acres and located south of Artillery Road on Army owned training land. This alternative is within the Installation's maneuver box area.

ALTERNATIVE 2- This alternative considers the construction and operation of a consolidated test facility on Range 33. This alternative is approximately 184 acres and is located east of the Redleg Artillery Impact Area on Army owned training land. This alternative is within the Installation's maneuver box area.

ALTERNATIVE 3- This alternative considers the construction and operation of a consolidated test facility on Ranges 15A and 16. This alternative is approximately 152 acres and is located off of Mill Creek Road on Army owned training land. This alternative is not within the Installation's maneuver box area.

ALTERNATIVE 4- Consideration of the No Action Alternative is mandated in the CEQ 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and Environmental Analysis of Army Actions 32 CFR 651.34. This no action serves as a baseline or reference point against which the potential effects of the proposed action and other alternatives are evaluated.

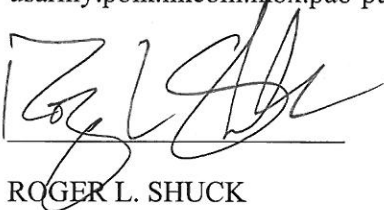
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES: Potential impacts to the natural and human environment were considered and analyzed for the proposed action and alternatives. Based upon the analysis of baseline conditions; proposed activities; potential environmental effects; continued environmental stewardship, no significant adverse effects to the environment would be expected to occur under the implementation of any one of the alternatives.

CONCLUSIONS: I have carefully reviewed the attached EA and the potential environmental consequences of each of the alternative actions. Based on this review, I have determined that the Proposed Action will have no significant impacts on the environment.

DECISION: In light of the preceding conclusions, I have decided to implement Alternative 3. This will allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a Consolidated ERDC Testing Facility as described in this EA and the continued implementation of the environmental stewardship monitoring measures and programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Additional information regarding this decision may be obtained by contacting the JRTC and Fort Polk Public Affairs Office as listed below.

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